VOLK'S ELECTRIC RAILWAY ASSOCIATION Address: 8 Oak Hall Park
Burgess Hill RH15 0BX

REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1186970
TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR 6th APRIL 2025 – 5th APRIL 2026

During the year, Association members continued to assist with track repairs, sleeper replacement, painting passenger cars, point-work repairs and diesel maintenance. At the depot, help was provided to manually jack up Cars 4, 8 and 10 for wheelset replacements and provided some equipment and manpower assistance with installing heavy machinery in the railway workshop.

Other infrastructure work included viaduct painting, cattle grid replacements, and continuing repairs to vandalised crossing warning lights. Lineside vegetation was cleared in places and the track formation suitably treated by the Association's mobile unit.
Four parties were given talks and conducted tours of the railway premises, for which donations were received.
In the autumn, members assisted with 'driver experience' days for the public and over the winter period four educational talks were arranged.

During the 2025 operating season, regular assistance was given to the railway management by providing relief drivers to enable the full service to operate and also on a regular basis on one day per week.

On four occasions the Association operated the service on a weekend evening, the last being until after sunset with illuminated trains to celebrate the Association's 30th Anniversary. The Council's Cabinet Member for Culture Heritage & Tourism expressed her support of the railway and our Association.

The hire of the temporary ticket office building for Black Rock station building continued until the end of September 2025, with the Association recovering all its costs from Southern Water Ltd.

Currently the Board comprises four trustees Mick Mills (Chairman), David Cowstick (Treasurer), Tim Steven (Secretary), and Phil Hamerton (Membership Secretary) along with non-trustees Barrie McFarlane (Archivist/Historian) and David Bailey (Editor).
The Board remains under-resourced and we are inviting more members to consider becoming trustees or take an active role.

We continued to publish in hard copy and digital format our regular journal Volk's News, containing up-to-date information about our activities and

other relevant topics. Regular updates and photos of the Association's activities are also circulated weekly on Facebook and other online media.

Membership remained steady at 143 at the end of the year.
Through the above, we consider that we have paid sufficient regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and thereby complied with Section 4 of the 2006 Act. At the year end, the Association held total cash assets of £42,913 of which Reserved Funds amounted to £35,518.



Signed:

(Chairman)

(On behalf of the Trustees) 12th May 2026



Signed:

(Secretary)

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Volk's Electric Railway Association	1186970

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	4/6/2025		4/5/2026

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Transfer from previous non-charitable Association	-	-	-	-	
Membership Fees	2,290	-	-	2,290	2,194
Unrestricted Donations	1,384	-	-	1,384	2,008
Restricted Donations	-	159	-	159	501
Miscellaneous income received	723	2,700	-	3,423	583
Fund raising activities	1,179	2,110	-	3,289	3,586
Interest	235	-	-	235	224
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	5,811	4,969	-	10,780	9,096
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,811	4,969	-	10,780	9,096
A3 Payments					
Meeting expenses	150	-	-	150	120
Volk's News magazine production & distribution	1,047	-	-	1,047	1,006
Insurance policy	-	-	-	-	
Restoration	-	1,199	-	1,199	4,340
Hospitality	-	-	-	-	193
Administrative Expenses	12	-	-	12	149
Fund Rasing Stock	-	-	-	-	70
Bank / Square / SumUp Charges	9	42		51	45
Website Costs	106			106	106
Special Event Expenses	460	1,613		2,073	-
Miscellanious	157	-	-	157	49
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,941	2,854	-	4,795	6,078
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,941	2,854	-	4,795	6,078
Net of receipts/payments	3,870	2115.00	-	5,985	3,018
A5 Transfers between funds	- 3,792	3,792	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,317	29,610	-	36,927	33,909
Cash funds this year end	7,395	35,517	-	42,912	36,927

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash floats		-	-
	Bank Account funds-Working capital	7,395		
	Bank Account funds for Council projects		5,838	
	Bank Account funds for VERA Projects		15,448	
	Bank Account funds for Car 9 project		14,231	-
	Total cash funds	**7,395**	**35,517**	**-**
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
None	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
None		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Southend Railway Car No. 9	Restricted Car 9 Fund	-	**1,000**
Museum Models	Unrestricted Funds	-	**5,000**
Heritage Artefacts	Unrestricted Funds	-	**17,000**
Miscellaneous	Unrestricted Funds	-	**250**
Office Equipment	Unrestricted Funds	-	**650**
		-	
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

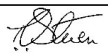
Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
None		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

	DC COWSTICK	10.07.26
	TC STEVEN	10.07.26